



## John Joseph Ritz

July 24, 1924 - May 24, 2012

John J. Ritz

87 ? Tinton Falls

(Formerly of Little Silver and West Long Branch)

John J. Ritz of Tinton Falls died peacefully on May 24, 2012 at Jersey Shore Center, Eatontown, NJ. Born in Phillipsburg, NJ, Mr. Ritz served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during WWII and was present on the island of Saipan for the surrender of Captain Sakae Oba, one of the last Japanese leaders to surrender following the war.

He graduated in 1949 from Rider College with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He worked at the Internal Revenue Service for over 20 years and was the District Supervisor for Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Following the IRS, he began a long and distinguished career as a Certified Public Accountant. He was also one of the founding faculty members of Brookdale Community College; retiring from Brookdale in 1982 after 13 years of service. He was a member of both the AICPA and the NJ Society of CPAs.

He was an avid sports fan, particularly of horse racing. He was a frequent visitor to Monmouth Park race track and was considered an expert handicapper. He also enjoyed traveling with his family and spending winters in his homes in Pompano Beach, FL and Cape Coral, FL.

He is predeceased by his brother Joseph Ritz, and sisters Grace Rohlfing and Genevieve Stueber.

He is survived by: His loving wife of 58 years Dolores; two sons Paul Ritz and his fiancée, Carolyn Pratt, of Howell, NJ and Kenneth and Janice Ritz of Tinton Falls, NJ; three grandchildren, Joyce, Timothy, and Devon Ritz; brother and sister-in-law, Salvatore and Theresa Ritz, as well as sister-in-law, Rose Ritz, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dolores, Paul and Kenny  
I am sorry for your Dad's struggles (and yours). My regrets were to have arrived personally but I did not judge the GSP traffic well. I spoke to Millie that night from the car.  
Thoughts go back to taking Paul to Sunday School where your folks would later meet you at church. May happy memories of you. I pray God's blessings upon you where you need the blessings most.##imported-begin##Ginny Jones, Sparta, NJ##imported-end##

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May 30, 2012 at 05:56 PM



“ To Paul and Family,  
  
Deepest sympathy for your loss##imported-begin##James & Barbara Levers##imported-end##

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May 30, 2012 at 01:04 PM



“ Mrs. Ritz, Ken, Janice, Bro....What to say about someone you have known since you were in first grade? Really at a loss for words. Knew this day was coming, but it does not make the passing any easier. Probably cracking a pink champale with the big man upstairs; Handicapping a few races, and wheeling the trifecta. They don't make 'em like your Dad anymore. Sorry for your loss. God bless.##imported-begin##Bill Nelligan##imported-end##

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May 28, 2012 at 08:41 PM



“ How very sad to hear of John's passing. As you know John and I spent more time chatting then doing tax work; we must go back 40 plus years. Seems iwe knew more about each other, held in confidence, then we knew about ourselves. I truly respected your Dad and found him over the years to be an absolutely rare breed of person that you could not help but to appreciate being part of each others lives. We will miss him, I will miss him, the void will always be, however memories have a way filling the gap with happiness. God bless.....Joe and Linda##imported-begin##Joe and Linda Small##imported-end##

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May 28, 2012 at 11:13 AM



“ Dear Ritz Family, Please accept our most sincere condolences in the loss of John. He was a fantastic person & always brought smiles to our faces. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Phil & Judy Ciorciari##imported-end##

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May 28, 2012 at 10:39 AM



“ Paul,

So sorry to hear about John's passing. He was an amazing person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

All our love,  
Kim and Tim##imported-begin##Kim and Tim Bagwell ##imported-end##

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May 28, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*”  
Eugene Pfaff

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May 27, 2012 at 12:43 AM